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In re Application of:)
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Reiko M. Nakamura)
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Serial No.: 09/877,802)
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Filed: June 6, 2001)
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR)
DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF)
INFECTIOUS DISEASES)

Art Unit: 1641
Examiner: Gabel, G.

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following amendments and remarks.

No additional fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fee and credit any refund to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Amendments and remarks as follows:

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